HIGHWAYS REVOLVING FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2003

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the balance sheet of the Highways Revolving Fund as at March 31, 2003 and the statements of operations and accumulated operating surplus/deficit and changes in accumulated net expenditure for the year then ended. The Revolving Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Revolving Fund as at March 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 20, 2003

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

HIGHWAYS REVOLVING FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As At March 31

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
Current:		
Accounts receivable	$ 2,983,323	$ 3,040,680
Inventories	2,479,469	2,970,202
	5,462,792	6,010,882
Non-current:		
Construction, maintenance and other equipment (Note 5)	52,288,570	49,752,693
Capital lease vehicles (Note 6)	2,635,932	1,984,702
	54,924,502	51,737,395
	$ 60,387,294	$ 57,748,277
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 2,138,007	$ 1,788,534
Current portion of obligation under capital leases (Note 7)	705,883	581,046
Unearned Revenue	12,160	-
	2,856,050	2,369,580
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term obligation under capital leases (Note 7)	2,374,445	1,678,086
Accumulated net expenditure (Statement 3)	55,207,031	53,171,048
	57,581,476	54,849,134
Fund equity:		
Accumulated operating (deficit)/surplus (Statement 2)	(50,232)	529,563
	$ 60,387,294	$ 57,748,277

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

HIGHWAYS REVOLVING FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT
For the Year Ended March 31

	2003 Budget (Note 11)	2003 Actual	2002 Actual
Revenue:			
Equipment Rental	$ 22,638,000	$ 22,261,724	$ 20,631,155
Custom Work and Other	4,340,000	3,326,751	6,387,223
Store Sales & Labour	1,800,000	2,341,680	2,828,688
Total revenue	$ 28,778,000	$ 27,930,155	$ 29,847,066
Expenses:			
Repair	$ 5,611,000	$ 6,442,906	$ 5,496,756
Operating	6,520,000	6,374,705	5,865,295
Amortization	4,287,000	4,814,724	4,296,845
Custom Work	4,168,000	3,283,748	6,156,626
Store Sales & Labour	1,800,000	2,341,747	2,799,075
Direct Overheads	3,973,000	3,533,916	3,709,825
Direct expenses	$ 26,359,000	$ 26,791,746	$ 28,324,422
Gross margin	$ 2,419,000	$ 1,138,409	$ 1,522,644
General Overheads	$ 1,579,000	$ 1,584,710	$ 1,540,556
Net (Loss) Income from operations	$ 840,000	$ (446,301)	$ (17,912)
Loss on sale of equipment	(400,000)	(133,494)	(423,348)
Net (loss) income	$ 440,000	$ (579,795)	$ (441,260)
Accumulated operating surplus, beginning of year	$ 529,563	$ 529,563	$ 970,823
Accumulated operating (deficit)/surplus , end of year - to Statement 1	$ 969,563	$ (50,232)	$ 529,563

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

HIGHWAYS REVOLVING FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED NET EXPENDITURE
For the Year Ended March 31

	2003	2002
Financing required for (provided by) operating activities:		
Net loss	$ 579,795	$ 441,260
Items not affecting cash		
- amortization	(4,814,724)	(4,296,845)
- loss on sale of equipment	(133,494)	(423,348)
Net change in working capital items related to operations (Note 9)	(909,723)	953,531
	$ (5,278,146)	$ (3,325,402)
Financing required for (provided by) investing activities:		
Purchase of equipment	6,914,320	6,811,453
Proceeds from sale of equipment	(269,662)	(518,156)
	$ 6,644,658	$ 6,293,297
Financing required for financing activities:		
Paydown of obligation under the capital lease	$ 669,471	$ 636,387
Net increase in financing requirements	$ 2,035,983	$ 3,604,282
Accumulated net expenditure, beginning of year	$ 53,171,048	$ 49,566,766
Accumulated net expenditure, end of year - to Statement 1	$ 55,207,031	$ 53,171,048

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

HIGHWAYS REVOLVING FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2003

1. Authority and Definition of Reporting Entity

The authority for this Revolving Fund was originally contained in Section 21 of *The Highways Act* and is continued under Section 7 of *The Department of Highways and Transportation Act, 1997.* The purpose of the Revolving Fund is to provide a system of accounting that accumulates the costs of equipment, materials and labour used in the provision of construction and maintenance services. These costs are charged back to the Department and other parties on an equitable basis.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements do not present a cash flow statement because the required cash flow information is readily apparent from the Statement of Changes in Accumulated Net Expenditure and Note 9. The following accounting policies are considered significant:

a) Net Financing Requirements

The net financing requirements is the cash flow from/(to) the General Revenue Fund. It represents the total annual financing requirements resulting from net capital acquisitions, working capital changes and net cash flows from operations.

b) Accumulated Net Expenditure

The accumulated net expenditure of the Revolving Fund includes the following:

i) working capital advanced by the Minister of Finance as at March 31, 1982 to the Revolving Fund;

ii) the net increase/(decrease) in financing requirements for each fiscal year thereafter; and

iii) the book value of assets acquired at no charge from another government agency.

c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of original cost, as calculated on a moving average basis for each shop, and net realizable value.

d) Capital Assets

i) Power Equipment

Construction and maintenance equipment over $500 is amortized on a unit of use basis. The amortization rate per hour of use for each item is calculated to allocate the capital cost of that item, less residual value, over the life expectancy of the asset.

Tractors	3,000 to 10,400 hours
Motor Graders	14,000 to 18,000 hours
Heavy Trucks	3,750 to 15,000 hours
Trailers	2,000 to 12,000 hours
Construction Equipment	2,000 to 16,000 hours

ii) Computer Systems

System costs over $500 are amortized on a straight-line basis at the rate of 20% per year.

iii) Computer Software

Software costs over $500 are amortized on a straight-line basis at the rate 33 1/3 % per year.

iv) Capital Lease Vehicles

Capital lease vehicles are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The typical lease term for these units is 6 years. Major additions or modifications made to motor vehicle units leased from the SPMC (a related party) are treated as capital cost additions. Amortization on capital cost additions is calculated on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease for that unit.

v) Other

Salt storage bins, asphalt tanks and cold storage buildings are amortized on a straight-line basis at a rate of 5% per year.

Office equipment and furniture is amortized on a straight-line basis at a rate of 25%

For all other sundry, survey, and repair shop, amortization is calculated as follows:

- Items costing $500 or more are amortized on the straight-line basis at a rate of 10% per year.

e) Revenue Recognition

Sales of the Revolving Fund include the following:

i) Equipment Rental Revenue

The rental rates charged by the Revolving Fund for use of its construction and maintenance equipment are calculated to recover the following Revolving Fund costs:

- amortization
- repair and overhaul
- operating costs of fuel, oil and licence registration and insurance fees; and
- administration costs of the stores and repair depots and Revolving Fund office.

Each of the foregoing components of the rental rate is reviewed annually, revised as required, and approved by Treasury Board.

ii) Custom Work and Other Revenue

The Revolving Fund uses the percentage of completion method to recognize construction revenue on custom work.

For the 2002-2003 fiscal year, other revenues amount to $ 60,820 and custom work revenues is $ 3,265,931.

iii) Store Sales and Labour

Store Sales and Labour rates are calculated to recover the Revolving Fund's direct costs. All sales are to the Department of Highways and Transportation.

f) Surcharges

Surcharges levied by the Revolving Fund pursuant to Treasury Board directives are required to be returned to the General Revenue Fund. Any unremitted surcharges are recorded as a liability.

g) Capital Lease Vehicles

Vehicles taken on lease terms which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership to the Revolving Fund are accounted for as capital leases.

3. Authorized Financing

Subsection 7(6) of *The Department of Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* specifies that the maximum amount of accumulated net expenditure which may be outstanding at any time will be set by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. A maximum amount of $65,000,000 was established in February 2002.

4. Disposition of Accumulated Operating Surplus or Deficit

Treasury Board controls the operations of the Revolving Fund, in part by monitoring the amount of its accumulated operating surplus/deficit. If the amount falls above or below the limit specified by Treasury Board, management is responsible to present a plan to address the excess surplus/deficit for approval by Treasury Board. Plans may include, but are not limited to, payment of excess surpluses to, or requests for additional funding from, the General Revenue Fund. The limit for the Highways Revolving Fund is $1,000,000.

5. Construction, Maintenance and Other Equipment

Details of this equipment are as follows:

	2003			2002
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Power Equipment	$ 79,930,223	$ 32,270,838	$ 47,659,385	$ 45,377,560
Sundry Equipment	15,610,726	11,522,161	4,088,565	3,438,135
Survey Equipment	213,857	212,303	1,554	4,702
Repair Shop Equipment	1,753,418	1,217,897	535,521	711,171
Office Equipment and Furniture	5,673	2,128	3,545	1,125
Computer System	1,100,000	1,100,000	0	220,000
Total Capital Assets	$ 98,613,897	$ 46,325,327	$ 52,288,570	$ 49,752,693

6. Capital Lease Vehicles

Details of the leased vehicles are as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Balance March 31, 2002	$ 4,258,239	$ 2,273,537	$ 1,984,702
Add: Additions/Amortization	1,495,191	839,027	656,164
Less: Disposals	887,033	882,099	4,934
Balance March 31, 2003	$ 4,866,397	$ 2,230,465	$ 2,635,932

7. Obligation under Capital Leases

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases with SPMC for non-maintenance vehicles together with the present balance of the obligation. The lease agreement effective April 1, 1987 and subsequently amended, allows vehicles to be leased for an initial term of four or six years with an annual bargain renewal option thereafter. Under the agreement, the Revolving Fund receives replacement vehicles on an ongoing basis from SPMC.

Year ended March 31:

2004	$ 1,059,502
2005	940,847
2006	834,960
2007	716,763
2008	437,680
2009	112,425
Total minimum lease payments	$ 4,102,177
Less: Amount representing interest at rates 6% to 12.5%	724,160
Executory costs	297,689
	$ 3,080,328
Less: Amount due within one year	705,883
Long term lease obligation	$ 2,374,445

Expenditures include interest of $ 292,828 (2002 - $185,930).

8. Expenditures

The Revolving Fund's direct expenses and general expenses are classified as follows:

	2003	**2002**
Operating Expenses	$ 15,915,029	$ 18,023,989
Salaries and benefits	7,313,049	7,109,415
Amortization	4,814,724	4,296,845
Other	333,654	434,729
	$ 28,376,456	$ 29,864,978

9. Net Change in Working Capital Items Related to Operations

	2003	2002
Decrease in accounts receivable	$ (57,357)	$ (44,626)
Decrease in inventories	(490,733)	(686,493)
Decrease/(increase) in accounts payable	(349,473)	1,684,650
Increase in unearned revenue	(12,160)	-
	$ (909,723)	$ 953,531

10. Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include transactions with related parties. The Revolving Fund is related to all Saskatchewan Crown agencies such as departments, corporations, agencies, boards and commissions under the common control of the Government of Saskatchewan. Also, the Revolving Fund is related to non-Crown enterprises that the Government jointly controls or significantly influences.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are settled on normal trade terms. These transactions, and amounts outstanding at year-end, are as follows:

Category (as per Financial Statements)	2003	2002
Revenue (Department of Highways and Transportation)	$ 24,603,404	$ 23,459,843
Accounts Receivable (Department of Highways and Transportation)	1,481,795	1,889,241
Expenses (Various Crown Corporations)	1,246,669	1,280,772
Capital Lease Principal Payments (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation)	669,471	636,387

In addition, the Revolving Fund pays Provincial Sales Tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to/from them are described separately in the financial statements and the notes thereto.

In accordance with established government policy, the Revolving Fund has not been charged with certain costs including occupancy, financing, certain information system support and certain administrative costs. These costs have been absorbed by various departmental appropriations and therefore, no provision for such costs are reflected in these financial statements.

11. Budget

These amounts are included in the budget submitted to Treasury Board for approval. Treasury Board approves the Revolving Fund's budget annually.

12. Financial Instruments

The Revolving Fund's financial instruments include accounts receivable and accounts payable. Due to their immediate and short-term nature, the fair value of these instruments approximates the carrying value.

The Revolving Fund's financial instruments also include obligations under capital leases. The fair value of these obligations approximates the carrying value because the implicit rates of interest inherent in the leases approximate the rates of interest at which the Revolving Fund is able to lease equipment.

The fair value of the accumulated net expenditure has been omitted because it is not practicable to determine the fair value with sufficient reliability.

13. Commitments

The Revolving Fund is committed to purchasing construction and maintenance equipment and other goods and services valued at $ 1,402,000 in 2004.

14. Amount Reported in the Public Accounts

The net expenditure of the Revolving Fund reported in the Public Accounts is the net income/(loss) of the Revolving Fund adjusted for the following differences in accounting policies between the Revolving Fund and the General Revenue Fund

	2003	2002
Net loss	$ (579,795)	$(441,260)
Decrease in inventory	490,733	686,493
Increase in construction, maintenance and other equipment	(2,535,877)	(2,371,508)
Increase in capital lease vehicles	(651,230)	(577,623)
Increase in obligation under capital leases	821,196	739,640
Amounts not included in Public Accounts due to timing	257,055	(183,083)
Net expenditure reported in Public Accounts	$ (2,197,918)	$ (2,147,341)

15. Comparative Figures

Certain of the 2002 financial statement balances have been reclassified to conform with presentation of the 2003 figures.